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Welcome to the December 2003 edition and the wrap up of our 5th year of publication. The cold temperatures have set in here in the Montreal area. Perhaps it's somewhat warmer where you are. Wherever you may be, December is always a special month. Not only does it wrap up the calendar year and prepare us to head into the New Year but, of course, Christmas time is upon us.

I would like to extend my best wishes to all subscribers, your family and friends, for a very Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy, peaceful and prosperous New Year 2004.

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Our Monthly Special Zone for December will, of course, feature sites for the holiday season, including Christmas, Chanukah and Kwanzaa. There are a few sites that I like to repeat each year, as they are always great fun for everyone in the family. I'll try to include a few new finds as well.

We welcome any new subscribers to the Newsletter. We invite everyone to participate by sending contributions for future editions of the Newsletter.

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IMPORTANT REMINDER:

Please note the new URL for the Radio HF web page and the new e-mail address to accompany it:

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NEW RADIO HF E-MAIL: radiohf@sympatico.ca

The e-mail address for the Newsletter remains the same. The changes only affect my business, Radio HF.

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THE MONTHLY SURVEY

Last month's question dealt with politicians. The question was "What current day politician or governmental leader do you most trust or respect, and which one do you trust or respect the least?"

We only had 27 responses this time around. In the category of which politician is most trusted or respected, the leading answer was "None" with 6 votes. Canadians Jean Chretien and Paul Martin, plus Britain's Tony Blair and the U.S.'s John McCain all had two votes each.

The least trusted or respected politician was a runaway victory for none other than U.S. President George W. Bush with 10 votes. Hilary Clinton came in second with 3 votes!

THIS MONTH'S SURVEY

From a previous survey question, I already know that we have a wide variety of musical tastes in our group of subscribers. This month we'll focus on concerts and live performances. Our question is

"What is the best concert or live performance by an artist or group that you have ever attended?"

Please feel free to give us the details, such as date, location, and any other particulars.

Please send your response, by e-mail, to hfnewsletter@yahoo.com

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None this month.

THE CONTRIBUTORS ZONE

Our number of contributors is way down again this month. Let's get back on track again for January!

Chris Brand, Cheshire, United Kingdom
John Ebeling, Minnesota
Wilhelm Eilertsen, Oslo, Norway
Glenn Hauser, Enid, Oklahoma (DX Listening Digest)
Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec
Joerg Klingenfuss, Tuebingen, Germany
Elmer Standish, Courtenay, British Columbia
Yahoo Weekly Picks

THE MONTHLY SPECIAL ZONE

CHRISTMAS ORIGIN

http://www.christmas-origin.com/

A look at the religious aspects of the Christmas holiday.

NORAD TRACKS SANTA

http://www.noradsanta.org/

Each year NORAD operates this special site to track the world voyage of Santa. The site only becomes active just prior to Christmas Eve. Be ready though. The traffic on this site is hot and heavy. Get the kids and the grandkids around the computer with you to follow Santa's progress again this year.

SANTA CLAUS.COM

http://www.santaclaus.com/

Santa, Mrs. Claus, and the rest of the crew are always happy to have visitors! We created this page to feature various sites, charities, gift ideas and other holiday-oriented topics. Please take your time and explore the site, and don't forget to drop Santa and the Elves a note to say hello or to suggest a site addition!

SANTA'S SECRET VILLAGE

http://www.northpole.com/

Enjoy the joy and magic of Christmas in Santa's Secret Village! We invite you to experience a traditional look at Christmas through the many free activities here at northpole.com. Write to Santa, read stories, enjoy Karaoke, send e-cards, find recipes, play games and puzzles, print stories to color—even put you or your child in a personalized story! Our stories and activities combine traditional feelings of Christmas goodwill with state-of-the-art computer technology—all richly illustrated with original artwork. Northpole.com is a commercial banner-free, child-safe Web site designed to provide a family-oriented Christmas site for children and families to share together.

CHANUKA 2003

http://www.chanuka.com/

From the Worldwide Jewish Web, this page features the history and traditions of this Jewish holiday.

VIRTUAL CHANUKAH

http://www.virtualchanukah.com/

More on the history and traditions of Chanukah

THE OFFICIAL KWANZAA WEB SITE

http://www.officialkwanzaawebsite.org/

As an African American and Pan-African holiday celebrated by millions throughout the world African community, Kwanzaa brings a cultural message that speaks to the best of what it means to be African and human in the fullest sense. Given the profound significance Kwanzaa has for African Americans and indeed, the world African community, it is imperative that an authoritative source and site be made available to give an accurate and expansive account of its origins, concepts, values, symbols and practice.

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RADIO H.F. PUBLICITY ZONE

ICOM IC-703 and IC-703 PLUS Compact HF/6m Transceiver

IC-703 and IC-703 Plus are Icom's products for the QRP enthusiasts. Focusing on QRP performance rather than an all-in-one solution, these units covers the Amateur Bands 160m to 10 meters on the 703 plus 6 meters on the Plus model. Depending on the power supply the rig is capable of 5W @ 9.6VDC and 10W @ 13.8VDC, plus they have an internal antenna tuner. Icom engineers have addressed a lot of the concerns about current consumption and other comments gathered over the past two years regarding QRP performance. While it looks and feels like the IC-706MKIIG, this rig is a QRP version, not a replacement

For more information on these new radios, please refer to:
http://www.icom.co.jp/world/info/ic-703/index.html

These radios, and other fine Icom products, are available from Radio HF. Please contact us for complete details on pricing and availability.

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THE RADIO ZONE

HISTORY OF AMERICAN BROADCASTING

http://members.aol.com/jeff560/jeff.html

VIA John Ebeling, Minnesota
Via Worldwide TV and FM DX Assoc.
and Glenn Hauser's DXLD)

This is an excellent collection of files and links pertaining to the early history of AM, FM and television broadcasting in the U.S., created by Jeff Miller of New Port Richey, Florida.

PROFILES OF POPULAR AND EXTRAORDINARY RADIO PERSONALITIES

http://radio.about.com/library/blprofiles/blprofiles.htm

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

This is a collection of brief biographies of various radio personalities.

GLENN HAUSER'S WORLD OF RADIO

http://www.worldofradio.com/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

Anyone who has ever been involved in the world of radio at any time over the past few decades should know the name "Glenn Hauser". Whether through his writings in many of the best known radio communications magazines, or over the air with his World of Radio broadcasts, or even going back to his appearances on the RCI's SWL/DX shows with Ian McFarland. Glenn produces a wealth of radio communications and broadcasting related material every week. This web page will provide you with all the information needed to access this vital information.

MAPLE LEAF MAILBAG YAHOO GROUP

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/mapleleafmailbag/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

Some of you may know that I appear regularly as a guest contributor to the Radio Canada International programme "Maple Leaf Mailbag", presenting the bi-weekly "CIDX Report" on the show, together with host Ian Jones. We have received word that a new Yahoo Group for fans of RCI's Maple Leaf Mailbag programme has just been formed. The group is just getting going, but by joining up, you can share information and comments about the programme, plus chat on-line with other members, and even the hosts of the show!

THE MIDDLE EAST MEDIA GUIDE

http://www.middleeastmediaguide.com/

VIA Wilhelm Eilertsen, Oslo, Norway

The Middle East Media Guide is an essential resource for anyone working in, or with, the media in this fast developing region - from public relations, marketing and advertising managers at every major company and agency, to journalists, media students and media job seekers. This website has been designed to provide helpful links to the websites of the newspapers, magazines, television stations, radio stations, and news agencies listed in the guide (where applicable) - making it the most comprehensive and up-to-date Middle East media links site on the web.

SAT-ADDRESS

http://www.sat-address.com/index.html

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

Sat-Address intends to provide street, email, telephone, fax and home page info for all satellite TV and radio channels in the world, plus satellite and package providers.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA RADIO MUSEUM

http://www.oldradio.cz/english.htm

VIA Chris Brand, Cheshire, United Kingdom

See a collection of Czechoslovakian radios and hi-fis at Martin Hájek's radio museum web page.

RADIO TRACKING

http://www.northwoodsfalconry.com/index.cgi?cat=%2FRadio%20Tracking&rm=listitems

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

Here is some interesting radio equipment with a very special purpose. Check out these receivers, transmitters, antennas and accessories used in falconry!

THE HIGH FREQUENCY INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION

http://www.hfindustry.com

VIA Joerg Klingenfuss, Tuebingen, Germany

This HFIA Web Site was created to provide interested parties information on and about the High Frequency (HF) Industry Association (HFIA) with detailed, up-to-date information about High Frequency Radio, HF Modems, and developments in HF Radio, as well as about the many ways the association is working with Governments and users around the world to support new, standardized, and interoperable systems to support HF radio users.

SPACE WEATHER CANADA

http://www.spaceweather.gc.ca/

VIA Glenn Hauser, Enid, Oklahoma

A bilingual site, the Canadian Space Weather Forecast Centre in Ottawa is operated by Natural Resources Canada (NRCan), with support from the Canadian Space Agency (CSA). It is a Regional Warning Centre (RWC) of the International Space Environment Service (ISES, formerly IUWDS). The ISES global network monitors a variety of parameters that help to characterize the conditions on the Sun, in space between the Sun and Earth, and on the Earth. The data are used by Regional Warning Centres and others to develop Space Weather

warnings and alerts. These reports are of great use to anyone in the field of radio as well.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF AMATEUR RADIO

http://www.niar.org/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

Learn more about amateur radio activity in India through this web page.

CLIFF ELLEMENT'S VINTAGE HAM

http://www.vintageham.com/index.htm

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

This site is dedicated to the construction and operation of Vintage Ham radio stations of the 1920's and 1930's era. Both authentic stations and those of the homebrew kind are featured here including vintage tube transmitters, receivers, and tube power sources.

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RADIO H.F. PUBLICITY ZONE

GRUNDIG RADIOS

For decades, the name Grundig has been synonymous with shortwave radio. Again today, Grundig offers an extensive line of specialty radio products for the active radio enthusiast. From compact portables, up to the top of the line Satellit 800, there is something in Grundig's line of products to suit your needs. To view the details on all of today's Grundig radios, please visit:

http://www.grundigradio.net/asp/grundigshortwaveRadios.asp

All Grundig products and accessories are available from Radio HF. Please contact us for complete details.

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THE GENERAL ZONE

NEWSKNIFE

http://www.newsknife.com

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

Newsknife has one aim: to enhance your news experience. We do this 3 ways... Every month Newsknife rates the news sites to ensure you get the best quality news reporting. Our News Users' Consumer Center scrutinizes the online news media on your behalf, to tell you what's good and what could be improved. Our News Media Innovation Center hunts for ways to improve news delivery, including creating new

news site concepts. For the world's best online news start your news search every day at Newsknife.

N4M.COM

http://www.n4m.com

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

Billing itself as "More Sources to More News", this site has links to major sources of news from around the world.

CUBA INFOLINKS

http://www.cubainfolinks.net

VIA Joerg Klingenfuss, Tuebingen, Germany

To disseminate reliable information, compiled from different sources, on the situation of Cubans inside their homeland; to promote respect of human rights, as well as development of democracy in Cuba.

POLAR HUSKY

http://www.polarhusky.com/portal.html

VIA Yahoo Weekly Picks

An intrepid six-member team of scientists, explorers, and educators is set to venture into the Arctic regions of Northern Canada to chronicle climatic changes within the Arctic Circle. You're invited to join their voyage into this rarely visited corner of the world. Set to depart on December 15, the explorers promise daily updates and information direct from the field. Until then, you can meet the dogs and the humans set to embark on the environmentally themed adventure. For students and teachers, an online classroom encourages education on this interesting voyage on subjects from A to Z. Round up your sled dogs and head into Inuit country.

THE NATIONAL SNOW AND ICE DATA CENTRE

http://nsidc.org/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

Established by NOAA as a national information and referral center in support of polar and cryospheric research, NSIDC archives and distributes digital and analog snow and ice data. We also maintain information about snow cover, avalanches, glaciers, ice sheets, freshwater ice, sea ice, ground ice, permafrost, atmospheric ice, paleoglaciology, and ice cores.

GEO SNAPPER

http://www.geosnapper.com/

VIA Yahoo Weekly Picks

Are you a fresh-air fiend, keen on outdoor photography and nifty gadgetry? Then join this band of "geosnappers" who aim to canvas the world and visually map it with pinpoint accuracy. Combining the GPS craze known as "geocaching" with an unbridled love of adventure, these shutterbugs have already created an impressive array of regional and thematic albums that are browseable by photographer, category, or popularity. Click on the world map, then zero in on a region, say, the East Coast. Geographically related albums such as Salem Witch Trials of 1692, unusual phenomenon, and rural Virginia will appear in a list. The photos in each album are plotted on a map of the immediate area. Neat, huh? If you'd like to contribute, you'll need a GPS receiver to mark your location coordinates, then upload the images to the site. We can't think of a more exciting way to map the world!

THE AURORA PAGE

http://www.geo.mtu.edu/weather/aurora/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

Michigan Technological University has put together this excellent web page dedicated to information about the Aurora Borealis, or Northern Lights. You'll find numerous links to resources about one of the planet's amazing natural treasures.

AMATEUR ASTRONOMY PERSONAL & HOME PAGES

http://www.u-net.com/ph/mas/links/amateur.htm

VIA Elmer Standish, Courtenay, British Columbia

A collection of links to amateur astronomy pages on the web.

TOM'S HARDWARE GUIDE

http://www.tomshardware.com/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

The Internet's premier resource for PC hardware reviews and news, Tom's Hardware Guide delivers hard-hitting articles and reports to tech-savvy IT professionals, technology innovators and early adopters looking to buy PC hardware products and services. Launched in 1996 by Dr. Thomas Pabst, the site is now the best source for independent editorial reviews of cutting-edge computer hardware. Readers have come to rely on the site for unbiased and authoritative articles on the products that matter to them and to help them make intelligent purchasing decisions. As of December 2001, Tom's Hardware Guide has achieved over 40 million page impressions and

attracts an audience of more than 2.3 million unique visitors per month, making it the most popular independent hardware site on the Web.

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NEW FROM THE AMERICAN RADIO RELAY LEAGUE:

International Antenna Collection - Published by RSGB and ARRL Edited by Dr. George Brown, M5ACN

This book is a collection of over 50 of the very best articles published on antennas from around the world. The book is wide ranging and offers solutions to many problems experienced by the antenna enthusiast. The articles include antenna designs for most amateur bands. Stealthy and invisible antennas are covered alongside many interesting traditional designs. The book also benefits from two articles specially commissioned for inclusion here. The first, by Professor Mike Underhill, G3LHZ, of the University of Surrey at Guildford, UK, entitled 'The Truth About Loops', gives an exhaustive account of the performance of the small loop. The second article is titled, 'A Brief Overview of the Performance of Wire Aerials in their Operating Environments', from Jack Belrose, VE2CV.
Great care has been taken to ensure that there are antennas to cover the range from 136 kHz to 1.3 GHz, receiving and transmitting, fixed and mobile. Everyone interested in antenna design and construction will find something in this book.
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THE FUN & SERVICES ZONE

THE VERY LONG LIST OF SEARCH ENGINES & DIRECTORIES

http://www.ventureseast.com/searchen.htm

VIA Elmer Standish, Courtenay, British Columbia

A collection of links to over 300 search engines on
the Internet.

COLLECTORS.ORG

http://collectors.org/index.asp

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

If something is collectable, then you'll probably find
some information on it here. This is the official web
site for the National Association of Collectors and
the Association of Collecting Clubs.

BARDS.CA

http://www.bards.ca/index1.htm

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

OK, so either your spouse, significant other, family
members, friends, etc., or all of the above feel that
the hobbies or pastimes that you participate in are a
little strange. Well, just share this web site with
them. Maybe they'll change their opinion of you!

THE SASKATCHEWAN REINDEER ASSOCIATION

http://www.saskreindeer.com/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

What the Hell! Why not? Santa, Christmas, reindeer,
etc. You get the picture!

RLF-THE REINDEER LIBERATION FRONT

http://www.penddraig.co.uk/rlf/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

Leave it to the Brits to come up with something like
this! The RFL is a band of committed freedom
fighters, dedicated to the liberation of Rudolph the
Red Nosed Reindeer and all his furry companions from
under the oppressive yoke of Santa Claus. Santa's
propaganda machine has put out the worldwide message
that the reindeer like working for him, and that he is
a good person. Don't believe it - he is a cruel
enslaver of innocent reindeer.

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RADIO H.F. PUBLICITY ZONE

NEW PUBLICATIONS FROM KLINGENFUSS

The world's leading publisher of books and CDs for professional shortwave (HF) radio monitoring for 35 years, Joerg Klingenfuss is world famous for his high quality publications. Books such as the Guide to Utility Stations, the Shortwave Frequency Guide and the Radio Data Code Manual are all excellent reference guides for the active shortwave listener and DXer.

All Klingenfuss publications are available in Canada through Radio HF. For further details on the Klingenfuss line of products, please check:

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THE HAMFEST/FLEAMARKET AND SPECIAL EVENTS ZONE

Each month we list upcoming events, including hamfests, predominantly in Canada. NOTE: All times quoted are local.
(Compiled by Vernon Ikeda VE2MBS, Pierrefonds, Quebec, and Radio Amateurs of Canada)

NOTE: The hamfest season is over for another year. We will begin listing 2004 events again starting with the January 2004 edition of the Newsletter.

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THE RESOURCES ZONE

The following is a listing of clubs, groups, and radio broadcasts that I am actively involved in.

THE CANADIAN INTERNATIONAL DX CLUB

CIDX is Canada's national radio monitoring club, serving radio hobbyists since 1962, entering our 42nd year of operation. Our monthly newsletter, Messenger, covers all aspects of the radio monitoring hobby. Our December 2003 edition is now available. Sample copies are available for $2 each, in Canada or the U.S., or $3 overseas. Membership is open to radio hobbyists worldwide. Visit the CIDX web site for complete information, as well as special features and web site profiles, or for a membership application.

http://www.anarc.org/cidx/

THE INTERNATIONAL RADIO REPORT

The International Radio Report, on CKUT-FM Radio McGill, 90.3 FM in Montreal, is available via the Internet on RealAudio, live streaming, and on the airwaves of CKUT, Sunday mornings at 10:30 AM Eastern (1530 UTC). Celebrating 16 years on the air, co-host Bill Westenhaver and I present a weekly half-hour of news, information and developments in radio broadcasting. Visit the Radio McGill web page for full CKUT programming:

http://www.ckut.ca

You may listen to archived editions of the programme through the Radio McGill web site, and thanks to the initiative of Ricky Leong, of Brossard, Quebec, you can find the most recent edition of the programme archived at:

http://members.fortunecity.com/crazyaboutradio/

Send your comments or questions to the International Radio Report, by e-mail, to radioreport@yahoo.com

RADIO CANADA INTERNATIONAL'S MAPLE LEAF MAILBAG

You can hear my bi-weekly "CIDX Report" on The Maple Leaf Mailbag, on Canada's international shortwave broadcaster Radio Canada International, with host Ian Jones. Find the times and frequencies on the new Maple Leaf Mailbag web site at:

http://www.rcinet.ca/Scripts/default.asp?s1=Programmes&s2=ProgrammeLangue&s3=15

SPECIAL NOTE TO RCI MAILBAG FANS: A new Yahoo Group for fans of the RCI Maple Leaf Mailbag programme has just been formed. By joining up, you can share information and comments about the programme, plus chat on-line with other members, and even the hosts of the show! The URL is

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/mapleleafmailbag/

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http://www.rcinet.ca

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